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# AVENGERS®

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## INTO THE VOID!™

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Stan Lee PRESENTS: THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!

# "ALONG CAME A SPIDER..."

WHAT A *MESS!*

WHEN *CAPTAIN AMERICA* REPORTED TO OUR WEST COAST HEADQUARTERS THAT THE *WINGLESS WIZARD* AND THE *MANDARIN* HAD ATTACKED OUR TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS HERE AT *AVENGERS PARK*...

...WE HAD NO IDEA JUST HOW *EXTENSIVE* THE DAMAGE WAS!

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE *NEW STRUCTURE* IS INTENDED TO OCCUPY ABOUT FIFTY PERCENT MORE SURFACE AREA THAN THE OLD *AVENGERS MANSION*.

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YEAH... WITH *MOST* OF THE NEW CONSTRUCTION GOING ON *UNDERGROUND*. THAT'S GONNA REQUIRE *BLASTING* PERMITS, CAP.

NOT NECESSARILY.

ANYTHING I CAN ASSIST WITH, CAPTAIN AMERICA?

AH, *IRON MAN*.

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO EXPLAIN TO MR. WITHERS HERE THAT WE WON'T NEED TO DO MUCH IN THE WAY OF BLASTING TO CONSTRUCT THE SUBSTRUCTURE OF OUR NEW HEADQUARTERS.

QUITE RIGHT.

MY *EMPLOYER*, TONY STARK, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION ON THIS SITE.

HE'S BRIEFED ME ON THE EXISTING STRUCTURES. YOU'LL FIND THE NEW ADDITIONS CONFIGURE PRETTY CLOSELY TO THE FORMS WE ALREADY HAVE.

INTERESTING. HAVING IRON MAN BACK AS A FULL TIME AVENGER RAISES ALL KINDS OF QUESTIONS. THE MAN WHO *ORIGINALLY* WORE THAT ARMOR IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN *KILLED*... YET I'D LONG AGO COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WAS *STARK* HIMSELF WHO...

HO, AVENGER! WHERE DOST THOU WISH THIS *DEBRIS* TAKEN?

AH, *THOR*, YOU'VE GOT THE FIRST LOAD. GOOD.

WE'VE ARRANGED FOR OUR *JUNK* TO BE DUMPED IN A GOVERNMENT LAND FILL IN *JERSEY*, WHERE IT WILL BE KEPT UNDER GUARD UNTIL WE CAN SORT THROUGH IT.

AYE AND AYE, CAPTAIN! THERE MAY BE *MUCH* WITHIN THIS TANGLED MASS WE WOULDST NOT WISH TO SEE IN *ENEMY* HANDS!

SO, STAND YE *BACK*...

AND THE SON OF ODIN SHALL TRANSPORT THIS BUNDLE UNTO JERSEY'S FABLED SHORES!

WOW!

Y'KNOW, I'VE READ ABOUT THOR, EVEN SEEN HIM ONNA TV...

BUT UP CLOSE HE DOES KIND OF TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY. I KNOW.

AND YOU KNOW SOMETHING, WITHERS? YOU JUST NEVER GET USED TO IT!

A CURIOUS STATEMENT, IRON MAN, GIVEN THAT THIS IS ONLY THE THIRD OR FOURTH TIME YOU'VE EVER BEEN AROUND THOR.

OR SO YOU'D PREFER US TO BELIEVE.

ANYWAY, AS I WAS STARTING TO OUTLINE, WITHERS...

EVEN AFTER THIS LOCATION WAS ABANDONED AS OUR OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS, AND AVENGERS MANSION MOVED ONTO FLOATING HYDROBASE, OUT IN THE HARBOR...

...WE MAINTAINED ALL THE ORIGINAL SUBBASEMENTS, SO YOU'LL FIND ABOUT TWO THIRDS OF YOUR WORK HAS BEEN DONE FOR YOU.

YEAH... CAPTAIN AMERICA WAS SAYIN' AS HOW MOST OF THE PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL WIRING IS STILL PRETTY MUCH IN PLACE.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE ALL SET THEN, MR. WITHERS. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, I'M SURE IRON MAN CAN ANSWER THEM.

YES, STARK HAS BROUGHT ME FULLY UP TO DATE.

YOU'RE LEAVING US, CAPTAIN?

YES. I HAVE A SMALL... MISSION OF MY OWN TO ATTEND TO.

READY, JOHN?

ALL SET, CAP.

YOUR PRIVATE QUINJET'S BEEN REPAIRED SO WELL, YOU'D NEVER KNOW IT WAS WRECKED JUST A FEW DAYS AGO...*

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*OR LAST ISSUE AS FAR AS WE'RE CONCERNED.--HOWARD

THEN LET'S GO! YOU KNOW WHERE WE'RE HEADED!

SERSI'S APARTMENT, AS REQUESTED!

KEEP 'ER IN HOVER MODE, JOHN. THIS TERRACE ISN'T MADE TO TAKE THE WEIGHT OF A QUINJET.

I'LL BE AS FAST AS I CAN.

WELL, WELL!

NOW HERE'S A DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENT! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, CAPTAIN?

NOT THAT YOU EVER NEED AN EXCUSE!

I'M HERE ON BUSINESS, SERSI...

...THOUGH I'LL CONFESS I'M SURPRISED TO SEE YOU IN SUCH A... FESTIVE MOOD.

I HAD NO IDEA YOU ETERNALS WERE ... RELIGIOUS.

WE'RE NOT. AT LEAST, NOT BY YOUR STANDARDS.

BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN ONE TO PASS ON A GOOD REASON FOR A PARTY, CAPTAIN.

AND, TO PARAPHRASE THE OLD SONG, IT ONLY TAKES TWO TO PARTY...

SERSI...

CAN WE BE... SERIOUS FOR A MOMENT?

YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT AID TO ME, AND TO THE AVENGERS IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. I'VE COME TO REALIZE WHAT AN INVALUABLE ALLY YOU ARE.

SO, I'VE COME WITH, WELL, A PROPOSITION FOR YOU...

"I WANT YOU TO JOIN THE AVENGERS!"

VERILY, THIS BUSINESS WHICH HATH LATELY VEXED US DOTH WORRY ME STILL!

MY EVIL HALF-BROTHER LOKI DIDST RECRUIT THE MOST POWERFUL OF MIDGARD'S VILLAINS IN A SCHEME TO DESTROY THE AVENGERS.

THO' HIS PLAN HATH FAILED, I WONDER NOW IF IT CAN BE TOO LONG BEFORE MY TREACHEROUS SIBLING DOTH...

ODS BLOOD!!

THE WORLD DID TURN ITSELF INSIDE OUT!

I HAVE LOST MY GRIP UPON THE DEBRIS! IT FALLS...

"...AND YONDER SCHOOL YARD LIES DIRECTLY IN ITS PATH!

"AND, BEHOLD! THE MORTAL CHILDREN AND THEIR TEACHERS DO WANDER AS IF SORELY DISTRACTED!"

THE FLUX WHICH MADE ME DROP THE BALL HATH STAGGERED ALL!

FLEE, MORTALS! FLEE!

SEEK SHELTER!

'TIS NO USE!

THE SCHOOLYARD IS TOO SMALL!

WHEN THE BALL *SHATTERS* UPON IMPACT...

"...'TWILL HURL RAZOR-SHARP SHRAPNEL IN ALL DIRECTIONS!"

"NONE SHALL ESCAPE THE WHIRLING SHARDS!"

AND FROM THIS ANGLE...

...SHOULD I HURL MY SACRED *MALLET* AFTER THE SPHERE...

...I ONLY RUN THE RISK OF DRIVING IT DOWN THE *FASTER!*

THWIIIPPT!

KRROOOSH

BEARD OF MY FATHER!

AN UNANTICIPATED *INTERVENTION* DOTH AFFORD A CHANCE TO PURCHASE *HOPE* OUT OF *CHAOS!*

STAND YE WELL BACK, YOUNG MORTALS...

...WHILST THOR DOTH LET MJOLNIR FLY!

OH, WOW! YOU SEE WHAT HE'S DOIN'?

"HE'S THROWIN' HIS HAMMER SO'S IT HITS TH' BALL O' STUFF...

"NOW HE'S JUMPIN' TH' FENCE...

SCHOOL ZONE

"AN' RUNNIN' OUT INTA TH' PARK! HE'S GETTIN' HIM-SELF CLEAR OF US AN' TH' SCHOOLYARD...

"'CAUSE NO MATTER WHERE THOR THROWS HIS HAMMER...

"...IT ALWAYS COMES BACK TO HIM!"

WHUD!

WOW!

THOR... THAT WAS SOMETHIN' ELSE!!

VERILY?

WHAT WAS IT THEN, I WONDER?

A MOMENT, IF YOU PLEASE, YOUNG MORTAL...

WHILST I *DISLODGE* MJOLNIR FROM THIS RUBBLE...

...AND SET THIS SPHERE WHERE IT CAN DO NO FURTHER HARM.

NOW...

HO! SLINGER OF WEBS!

THE FIRST SON OF ASGARD DOTH SUMMON THEE!

SHOW THYSELF!!

NO SOONER ASKED THAN ACCOMPLISHED, GOLDILOCKS!

GLAD TO SEE YOU *GUESSED* IT WAS ME RIDIN' TO THE RESCUE THERE!

INDEED.

I DIDST *ESPY* THY SILVERY *WEB* AS IT *AFFIXED* ITSELF TO THE SPHERE.

'TIS GOOD TO SEE THEE ONCE AGAIN, *SPIDER-MAN*.

TELL ME, DIDST THOU ALSO JUST EXPERIENCE A STRANGE... *INVERSION*?

WELL, I'D SAY THAT'S ABOUT AS GOOD A NAME FOR IT AS *ANY*, THUNDER GOD.

AT LEAST, SOMETHING MADE MY EVER-POPULAR *SPIDER-SENSE* GET THE WHIM-WHAMS SOMETHIN' AWFUL!

THY COLORFUL PHRASING DOTH DENY THE *CONCERN* I SENSE IN THEE, ARACHNID.

COME, THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE, AND WE MUST MAKE *HASTE*!

COME?

WHERE?

WE MUST RETURN TO AVENGERS HEADQUARTERS, SPIDER-MAN.

AND *QUICKLY*!

BUT...

BUT I'M NOT AN *AVENGER*... ??

THOR...?

"NUTS! HE'S FLYING AWAY TOO FAST! I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GO AFTER HIM, IF I EVER WANT TO FIND OUT..."

WH-WHAT HAPPENED, CAPTAIN?

FOR A MOMENT THERE, IT FELT...

AS IF MY WHOLE HEAD HAD TURNED INSIDE OUT. YOU FELT IT TOO, SERSI?

THAT'S BAD. IF IT AFFECTED A SUPER-POWERED BEING LIKE YOURSELF, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT IT MIGHT HAVE DONE TO ORDINARY HUMANS.

I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO HQ. FIND OUT HOW WIDESPREAD THAT EFFECT WAS!

WAIT, CAPTAIN! THIS MATTER IS OF INTEREST TO ME!

FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, I ACCEPT YOUR OFFER!

I WILL JOIN YOU IN THE AVENGERS!

JOHN! JAMESON!

HE'S BEEN HIT PRETTY BAD! SERSI, HELP ME GET HIM INTO A REAR SEAT.

CAP...

WHAT...

THAT IS WHAT WE NOW INTEND TO DISCOVER, COLONEL.

AWFUL. AS IF... SOMETHING HAD GOT INSIDE ME AND TURNED EVERY CELL IN MY BODY UPSIDE DOWN.

WHAT DID IT FEEL LIKE TO YOU?

I HAVEN'T FELT ANYTHING LIKE IT SINCE I WAS FREED OF THE CURSE THAT USED TO TRANSFORM ME INTO THE MAN-WOLF!

I DON'T THINK THIS WAS ANYTHING LIKE THAT, JOHN! HANG ON, NOW! I'M HEADING FOR HOME...

...AND I DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO BE GENTLE ABOUT IT!

MAN, O, MAN!

WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?

INCONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE. SOME KIND OF FLUX, AN ATOMIC INVERSION.

THAT'S AS GOOD AN ANALYSIS AS ANY, VISION...

...ALTHOUGH I'D HATE TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT COULD CAUSE SUCH A THING. EVEN THE VISION IS CLEARLY STAGGERED, AND HE'S AN ANDROID.

AS FOR ME, IF IT WASN'T FOR THE AUTOMATIC SERVOS IN MY ARMOR, I DON'T THINK I'D BE STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP ON MY FEET! WHATEVER IT WAS LEFT ME WEAK AS A NEWBORN KITTEN!

LISTEN, IRON MAN... DO YOU HEAR? A SOFT LOWING ALL AROUND THE PARK.

THE SOUND OF THOUSANDS OF HUMAN VOICES MOANING. THIS EFFECT MUST HAVE BEEN WIDESPREAD INDEED.

HERE COMES CAPTAIN AMERICA. MAYBE HE'S GOT SOME ANSWERS.

IRON MAN! REPORT!

DID THAT INVERSION EFFECT HIT HERE, TOO?

AFFIRMATIVE, CAPTAIN.

IT KNOCKED ALL OF US FOR QUITE A LOOP, EVEN THE VISION. ANY THOUGHTS ON WHAT IT WAS?

NEGATIVE. I WAS WITH SERSI WHEN IT HIT. SHE SEEMED AS BADLY PUT OUT BY IT AS I WAS.

THAT'S BAD. AS AN ETERNAL, SHE'S IN COMPLETE MENTAL CONTROL OF EVERY ATOM OF HER BODY AT ALL TIMES. FOR HER TO BE HIT...

...THE EFFECT MUST HAVE BEEN MOST POWERFUL AND INSIDIOUS.

HOLD A WHILE, GENTLEMEN, WHILE I SCAN THE PSYCHIC ETHER...

"... THERE MAY BE MUCH I CAN DISCOVER ..."

HARKER ...

WHAT ... WHAT WAS THAT ...? WHAT DID YOU DO?

AN ... UNEXPECTED GLITCH, NEBULA ...

MY COMPRESSER WAS ALMOST AT MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY, WHEN ...

I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED THEN.

Poly Dyne

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OLD FOOL! YOUR SO-CALLED COMPRESSOR HOLDS THE KEY TO VAST POWER, AND YOU TELL ME NOW THERE ARE THINGS ABOUT IT YOU CANNOT PREDICT?

NEBULA TO MOTHERSHIP!

GUNTHAR, DO YOU READ ME?

NEBULA TO MOTHERSHIP!

GUNTHAR!

GUNTHAR!

LADY NEBULA! WHAT HAPPENED?

MY SUB-SPACE COMMUNICATIONS GRID INDICATES A FIELD EFFECT EQUAL TO AT LEAST THE SPAN OF THE ENTIRE GALAXY!

HHURRHH ...

NEBULA ...?

WHAT!?!

THIS IS MORE POWER THAN I EVER DARED DREAM!

CALIBRATE YOUR SCAN, GUNTHAR! REPORT THE EXACT EXTENT AND NATURE OF THE EFFECT!

I HAVE ALREADY DONE SO, MY LADY... BUT I CANNOT BELIEVE MY FINDINGS!

ACCORDING TO THE AUTOMATIC SCANNERS, AT THE PRECISE MOMENT THE EARTHLING HARKER'S COMPRESSOR REACHED WITHIN .00000000000000000001 PERCENT OF ITS MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY...

...THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE FLASHED OUT OF EXISTENCE!

NO!

CAN I REALLY HAVE STUMBLED UNAWARES ONTO SUCH A MAGNIFICENT SOURCE OF POWER?

CAN ALL MY DREAMS BE NOW SO CLOSE TO CONSUMMATION?

IT WOULD CERTAINLY SEEM THAT WAY, GRAND-NIECE...

WHEN FIRST I HEARD YOU SPEAK OF SOMEHOW MAKING YOURSELF AS POWERFUL AS MY LATE BROTHER THANOS, I HAD NO IDEA YOU WOULD EVER COME SO CLOSE TO THE ACHIEVING OF YOUR MAD GOAL!

OR THAT I WOULD BE SO HARD PRESSED TO CONCEIVE A WAY TO STOP YOU!

BUT, MISTRESS, DO NOT LET YOUR UNTRAMMELED JOY IN THIS CAUSE YOU TO FORGET OUR DIRE SITUATION!

THERE SEEMS NO LASTING EFFECT OF THE INVERSION CAUSED BY THE COMPRESSOR, SO IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE SAFE TO CONTINUE TESTING!

BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE MAY BE UNAFFECTED BY THIS...

AND IF HE SHOULD COME UPON US WHILE WE ARE RECOVERING...

"HE"...?

"WHO IN THE NAME OF THE CELESTIALS IS 'HE?'"

...FELT IT ALL THE WAY OUT HERE IN CALIFORNIA, CAP.

AND WHATEVER IT WAS, THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN NO MEASURABLE TIME DIFFERENTIAL.

IN OTHER WORDS...

...THE EFFECT WAS FELT WITH *EQUAL FORCE* IN TWO AREAS NEARLY THREE THOUSAND MILES APART, AND AT *EXACTLY THE SAME TIME.*

SERSI...?

WAY AHEAD OF YOU, CAPTAIN.

I HAVE COMPLETED A WORLDWIDE PSYCHIC SCAN, AND *EVERYONE ON EARTH* EXPERIENCED THE EFFECT AT PRECISELY THE MOMENT WE DID.

INTERESTING. FOR THAT TO BE THE CASE THE EFFECT WOULD HAVE TO HAVE BEEN SOMETHING OUTSIDE THE FOUR KNOWN FORCES GOVERNING THE FUNCTIONS OF OUR UNIVERSE.

IN EFFECT, SOMETHING WHICH CANCELED OUT THOSE FORCES.

CANCELED AS IN...?

THAT'S *IMPOSSIBLE*, VISION. IF THE FOUR FORCES BINDING OUR UNIVERSE TOGETHER WERE TO BE *CANCELED*...

...THE UNIVERSE WOULD CEASE TO EXIST.

WHICH IS PRECISELY WHAT SEEMS TO HAVE HAPPENED, DR. PYM.

BUT... HOW CAN SUCH A THING BE?

HOW CAN THE *UNIVERSE* SIMPLY *BLINK* OUT OF EXISTENCE?

I'D HATE TO EVEN HAZARD A *GUESS*, SERSI.

BUT, AT THE VERY LEAST, IT WOULD SEEM LIKE THE ONLY THING THAT COULD REALLY PACK ENOUGH *POWER* TO ACHIEVE THE EFFECT WOULD BE *ANOTHER UNIVERSE* ENCROACHING ON OUR PLANE OF EXISTENCE!

ANOTHER UNIVERSE?

THE *FANTASTIC FOUR* RECENTLY REPORTED ENCOUNTERING THE *BEYONDER* AGAIN--OR A BEING VERY MUCH LIKE HIM. HE WAS FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE, PARALLEL TO OUR OWN...

AND HE SEEMED TO POSSESS ENOUGH POWER TO DO WHAT YOU SUGGEST. COULD THIS, IN FACT, BE A PRELUDE TO ANOTHER *INVASION*, HANK?

DON'T EVEN THINK IT, CAP!

THERE'S REALLY NOT ENOUGH DATA TO FORMULATE A GOOD THEORY. UNFORTUNATELY, AS MUCH AS I EVEN HATE TO SAY IT, THE ONLY WAY WE'LL HAVE ANY CHANCE OF FIGURING OUT WHAT THAT EFFECT WAS...

"... IS IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN!"

FOOLS! COWARDS!

WHAT ARE YOU STOPPING FOR?

THAT WAS NEARLY IT! THAT WAS THE ULTIMATE POWER I SEEK!!

BUT... THE FLUX! THAT WAS A TOTALLY UNANTICIPATED EFFECT!

HE'S RIGHT, NEBULA!

MY CALCULATIONS INDICATED SOMETHING LIKE THIS MIGHT HAPPEN, BUT I HELD THEM BACK WHEN I SHOWED THE PLANS FOR MY COMPRESSOR TO POLYDYNE!

WHAT??

WE MUST PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

YOU DARE SPEAK SO TO THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF THANOS?

I HAVE CROSSED AND RECROSSED THE UNIVERSE SEEKING A SOURCE OF ENERGY THAT WOULD ELEVATE ME TO THE POSITION OF POWER AND FEAR HE ONCE COMMANDED!

I SHALL NOT BE FRUSTRATED NOW!

WHAT IS THE STORY ON THIS BABE?

SHE WASN'T PART OF THE DEAL WHEN THE BIGWIGS SIGNED THE CONTRACTS WITH OLD HARKER THERE.

NO, SHE WASN'T.

PARKER

BUT FROM THE WAY SHE'S CARRYING ON, SHE MUST'VE BEEN BEHIND HIM AND HIS RESEARCH ALL ALONG-- UNLESS SHE'S JUST TOTALLY CRACKERS!

"SOMETIMES SHE SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S FROM MARS OR SOMETHING!"

HEL-LO...

EROS!

THE SAME! SO MY GRAND-NIECE HAS TOLD YOU ABOUT HER FAMILY, HAS SHE? HAS SHE ALSO TOLD YOU THAT ON EARTH I PREFER THE TITLE STARFOX... OR OF THE NATURE OF MY POWER...?

AHHH-HHH!

THERE. HE'LL DREAM PLEASANT DREAMS FOR AN HOUR OR TWO.

LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO ALERT MY ERSTWHILE COMRADES IN ARMS!

STARFOX CALLING THE AVENGERS! STARFOX CALLING THE AVENGERS!

THIS IS AN EMERGENCY PRIORITY SIGNAL!

COME IN, AVENGERS MANSION! THIS IS STARFOX CALLING THE AVENGERS!

OH, MY GOODNESS!

WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM MASTER EROS IN MONTHS! COULD THIS BE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS AWFUL BUSINESS?

STARFOX CALLING THE AVENG--

ERK!!

MASTER EROS?

STARFOX?

...HAVE TO CONTACT QUASAR, SINCE HE'S OUR RESIDENT EXPERT ON THINGS OF A COSMIC NATURE...

MASTER CAP!

MASTER EROS WAS JUST ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT US!

EROS? OF THE ETERNALS OF TITAN? WHAT'S WRONG...?

EASY, SERSI.

I KNOW YOUR OWN RACE OF ETERNALS IS DISTANTLY RELATED TO THE DWELLERS ON THAT SATURNIAN MOON, BUT THERE MAY NOT BE ANYTHING TO GET UPSET ABOUT HERE...

I FEAR MISTRESS SERSI HAS GUESSED RIGHT, MASTER CAP.

I MONITORED ONLY A FEW WORDS OF MASTER EROS'S TRANSMISSION, BEFORE IT WAS RATHER ABRUPTLY CUT OFF.

THE CARRIER BEAM STAYED OPEN LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO GUESS MASTER EROS HAD NOT BROKEN THE CONNECTION... RATHER SOMETHING HAD STOPPED HIM.

HMMM...

THE AUTOMATIC RECEIVING SYSTEMS TRACKED THE CARRIER BEAM FOR AS LONG AS IT WAS ACTIVE.

THE COMPUTERS SHOULD HOLD A PRETTY GOOD FIX ON THE DIRECTION THE BEAM WAS COMING FROM, AND THE DISTANCE TO THE POINT OF ORIGIN.

JUST A SUPERFICIAL ANALYSIS SHOWS IT WAS SOMEWHERE BEYOND THE ORBIT OF OUR MOON.

COULD BE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE BUSINESS WE'RE WONDERING ABOUT RIGHT NOW!

I'LL INTERFACE WITH THE COMPUTERS AND RUN THEIR DATA THROUGH MY OWN ONBOARD SYSTEMS...

THERE HE GOES AGAIN! COULD TONY STARK REALLY HAVE BRIEFED A NEW MAN SO THOROUGHLY THAT HE'D HAVE THIS SECOND NATURE FAMILIARITY WITH ALL OUR EQUIPMENT?

GOT IT.

I KNOW JUST WHERE THE SIGNAL SOURCE IS.

I'LL GO SCOPE IT OUT WHILE THE REST OF YOU CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE THE FLUX EFFECT.

I SHALL ACCOMPANY YOU, IRON MAN. I BELIEVE WE MAY WELL DISCOVER STARFOX'S SIGNAL AND OUR OTHER MYSTERY...

...ARE INEXTRICABLY INTERTWINED...

WOW! THEY'RE IN A TAIL-TEARING HURRY!

AYE, WEBBED ONE.

AND AVENGERS DO NOT *HASTEN* SO UNLESS THERE BE *GRAVE PERIL* THAT DOTH SUMMON THEM!

SO, THINKEST THOU-- I MEAN, D'YOU THINK WE OUGHTTA GO *AFTER* THEM?

NAY. WE DIDST COME HITHER TO AVENGERS HEADQUARTERS THAT WE MIGHT *LEARN* WHAT DOTH TRANSPIRE!

THAT WE CAN *MOST* READILY ACHIEVE *HERE*, IN THAT CHAMBER WE HAVE MADE OUR CENTRAL MEETING HALL!

THOR! AND SPIDER-MAN!

I TAKE IT FROM YOUR *GRIM* DEMEANOR YOU WERE ALSO AFFECTED BY THAT--

OD'S BLOOD!

WHAT MANNER OF *EVIL* CAN THIS BE, THAT DOTH ROB MY IMMORTAL LIMBS OF ALL THEIR *STRENGTH*?

WE... DON'T... KNOW... THUNDER GOD.

WE WERE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHEN...

ANOTHER ... ONE!

BUT ... SO MUCH MORE ... CLOSELY SPACED THAN ...

THAT'S ... IT!

OUR ... INSTRUMENTS ... CAN'T SEEM TO ... TELL US ANYTHING.

SERSI ... I KNOW IT'S A LOT TO ASK ...

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO USE YOUR POWERS TO *SHIELD* US FROM THIS BLASTED EFFECT!

...YES ...

I *COULD* DO THAT, I SUPPOSE. AS AN *ETERNAL*, I CONTROL EVERY ATOM OF MY BODY BY SHEER FORCE OF MIND...

AND BY EXERTING MY *WILL* I CAN DO THE SAME FOR EVERY PARTICLE COMPOSING THIS ROOM AND ALL ITS CONTENTS...

INCLUDING THE *PEOPLE*.

BUT IF THAT EFFECT SHOULD STRIKE US AGAIN WHILE I AM *PREPARING*...

WHATEVER FORCE THIS IS, I SHALL NOT LET IT *MASTER* ME!

I AM *SERSI!*

I AM AN *ETERNAL* BORN!

I... WILL... NOT... FAIL!

*SERSI!!*

SHE DID IT!

IT... *PLEASES* ME... TO HEAR SUCH *CONCERN* IN YOUR VOICE, DEAR CAPTAIN...

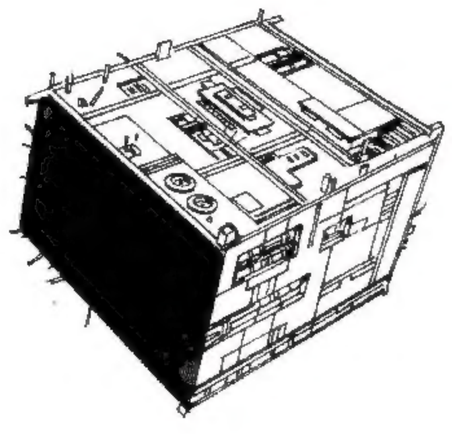
PLEASES ME TO LIE WITHIN THE CURVE OF YOUR STRONG ARMS...

ER... 'SCUSE ME FOR BUTTING IN ON THIS TENDER SCENE, FOLKS...

*SERSI...*

...BUT... ISN'T THAT THE SCREEN THAT WAS SHOWING THE VIEW *OUTSIDE* A SECOND AGO?

WHAT THE HECK'S HAPPENED TO THE REST OF THE UNIVERSE?!?



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